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TOURISM
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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN TRIBAL AREAS OF NORTH EASTERN STATES AND SIKKIM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the Union Government for promoting tourism in the country especially in the 11th plan;

(b) the amount provided to the each State Government for the purpose during the last three years;

(c) the amount out of the said amount provided for promoting tourism in tribal areas and North-Eastern States including Sikkim; and

(d) the names of tribal areas of West Bengal and North-East States and the amount provided for development of tourism in such areas during above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): To promote tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has adopted a strategy to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and as a national priority through creation of world class tourist infrastructure. In addition, the Ministry has drawn up and adopted a focused marketing and promotional plan and also plans for quality human resource development for hospitality sector.

(b), (c) & (d): The amounts sanctioned and released to State Governments/Union Territories for the purpose during the last three years including for promoting tourism in tribal areas of North-Eastern States and West Bengal is at Annexure. During the last three years Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.326.92 crore and released Rs.257.39 crore to the North-Eastern States including Sikkim for promoting tourism in these areas including tribal areas. Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned Rs.44.81 crore and released Rs.34.01 crore for promoting tourism in West Bengal including tribal areas.